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A system for generating notification messages, comprising:

a plurality of applications, each application generating event messages;

an event router in communication with the applications, wherein the router

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receives the event messages;
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an alert manager in communication with the router for receiving a selected

subset of the event messages; and;

a plurality of rules within the alert manager, each rule having an

associated notification/ and each rule registered to act upon selected events

within the selected ~~subset~~ of event messages;

wherein, upon receiving a message at the alert manager, all rules

registered to/act upon the message are evaluated, and for all rules that evaluate

to True, sending the associated notifications.

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3. A system for generating notifications, comprising:

- a plurality of applications that generate event messages;
- a router in communication with the applications;
- a plurality of event handlers in communication with the router; and
- a set of rules attached to the router, each rule associated with at least one event message;

wherein, when an event message is received, the associated rules are evaluated, and for rules that evaluate to True, the event message is forwarded to a related event handler.

1 4. The system of Claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of applications
2 comprises:
3 a database having data which can be changed; and
4 a job that periodically examines the database, and generates an event
5 message when selected data items in the database have changed from a
6 previous examination.

5. A method for generating notifications, comprising the steps of:

- generating a event message within an application;
- sending the event message to a router;
- within the router, registering recipient handlers to be notified upon receipt of selected event messages;
- within the handlers, providing a set of rules to be evaluated, with each rule having a corresponding action to be executed if the rule evaluates True; and
- when an event message is received by a handler, evaluating a subset of rules, and executing any actions for rules that evaluate True.

1 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein an action to a rule comprises sending a
2 message to a user.

1 7. The method of Claim 5, wherein the application comprises:
2 a database having data which can be changed; and
3 a job that periodically examines the database, and generates an event
4 message when selected data items in the database have changed from a
5 previous examination.

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